

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 9-16 and 24-30 are now in the case.

Applicants appreciate and acknowledge the mention by the Examiner that claim 16 is allowed and that claims 2-5, 9-11 and 24 would be allowable.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the features of an elevational element is substantially centered on the bottom surface of the mop head.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the features of a first and a second elevational element.

Applicants have amended claims 3-5 and 13-16 to correct grammatical and typographical errors.

Applicants have added claims 25-30 to claim additional subject matter.

Applicants affirm the election of Group I, claims 1-16 and 24.

Applicants have cancelled claims 17-23 as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Applicants may elect to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuing application.

As requested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the specification, drawings and abstract.

Each of these amendments is supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 7 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Belsky.

Applicants submit that claim 7 depends on claim 1 and that claims 1 and 12 have been amended.

It is Applicants' position that the amendments overcome the rejection.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hartley.

Applicants submit that claim 6 depends on claim 1 and that claim 1 has been amended.

It is Applicants' position that the amendments overcome the rejection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belsky et al. in view of either Nash.

Claims 13-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belsky et al.

Applicants submit that claim 8 has been cancelled therefore mooted the rejection.

Applicants submit that claims 13-15 depend on claim 12 and that claim 12 has been amended.

It is Applicants' position that the amendments overcome the rejection.

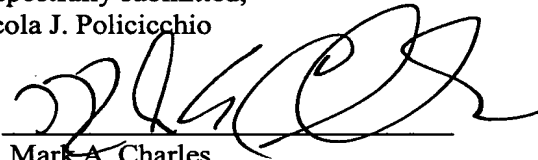
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are therefore respectfully requested.

It is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

If the next action is other than to allow the claims, the favor of a telephonic interview is requested with the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,
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